

MEMORANDUM

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA Department of Environmental Quality Water Division

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM 03-2002
Revised Joint Permit Application

TO: Regional Directors

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Summary:

The Federal, State and Local Joint Permit Application (JPA) for work in surface waters, including wetlands, in the Commonwealth, was revised and republished in November 2002. The JPA is the application form used to apply for Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Virginia Water Protection Permits (VWPP). Revisions to the JPA were made by an interagency committee consisting of Corps, DEQ and VMRC staff, been made to remove obsolete information and add information needed for recently implemented permit program changes at the Federal and State levels. In particular, the introduction section was expanded to include application directions for specific types of permits, and JPA Parts IV and V were updated to include application requirements for VWP General Permits and to remove duplicative information.

The November 2002 JPA will be filed with the Registrar. Electronic copies are available on DEQ's VWPP web page, <http://www.deq.state.va.us/wetlands/permitfees.html>, through a link to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District web site at, <http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/PN/JPA.html>.

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